

GIDEONS ELEMENTARY

Date: 2/25/26

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Google Meet: meet.google.com/eza-gjnp-rkx

I. **Call to order:** 5:06 PM

II. **Roll Call**

Role	Name <i>(or Vacant)</i>	Present or Absent
Principal	Robert Owens	Present
Parent/Guardian	Michelle Potter	Present
Parent/Guardian	Amanda Mickelsen	Present
Parent/Guardian	Ivy Floyd	Absent
Instructional Staff	Cherish McClure	Present
Instructional Staff	Ruth Lambert	Present
Instructional Staff	Detra Harris	Present
Community Member	Joseph Anderson	Present - Tardy
Community Member	Ashley Hicks	Present
Swing Seat	Eric Strickland	Present
Student <i>(High Schools)</i>		
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Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

- A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Amanda Mickelsen;; Seconded by: Cherish McClure

Members Approving: Michelle Potter, Amanda Mickelsen, Detra Harris, Ashley Hicks, Cherish McClure, Ruth Lambert , Eric Strickland

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion Passes

- B. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion made by: Ruth Lambert ; Seconded by: Ashley Hicks

Members Approving: Michelle Potter, Amanda Mickelsen, Detra Harris, Ashley Hicks, Cherish McClure, Ruth Lambert , Eric Strickland

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

- A. Principal Owens presented 2025-2030 Strategic Plan Development
 - i. Strategic Plan Draft
 - Reviewed 5 year plan
 - Every decision we make needs to align with who we way we are what we say we want to do - make geniuses lives better and choice filled
 - Reviewed If We/Than/So That statements

V. Information Items

- A. Principal's Report
 - i. Work with STEAM - School Garden
 - What can we learn and do through an urban garden to make healthy food more accessible to everyone?
 - Goal is to become STEAM certified in the next 3 years
 - 20 staff members endorsed in STEAM
 - Kingdom City Church and some teachers and parents helped to get garden planted and situated
 - STEAM journals created in 2nd and 3rd grades - problem based learning
 - ii. Testing Updates
 - Right Score testing - 2nd through 5th
 - Scores writing and gives teachers lesson plans and strategies

Announcements

- B. Friday is Youth as Changemakers - teach geniuses about a cause, they come up with what that is
 - i. 5th grade, Ruth's homeroom, doing The Journey, stemmed from events regarding ICE and immigration, learned flags of countries and how to welcome people of different languages, got info from immigrants and why they came, Ruth has friends write letters to answer of of their prompts and questions, came up with a rap and designed a suitcase, filled it with art on why people come to the U.S. (family, education, etc.), made

it a beautiful experience, Coach Sean helped them develop song, kids created lyrics

- ii. 2nd Grade: Detra Harris, Drop the Phone and Come Kick It With With Us
 - Kids paying attention to a walk
 - Kids want teachers walking them home, they want supervision
 - Song, One Man Can Change the World, one voice can change thingsThey will present
- iii. 3rd Grade: Mr. Strickland, Toy Drive
 - Altered version of We Are the World
 - Will provide toys for kids who don't have the resources for them

C. Career Week next week

- Presenters will share jobs, careers, passions
- Never know what sparks a young mind

D. Kudos to Gideons Got Talent and Revelations Part II

E. Stuart Center doing various tutorials right now

- Journalism Club and enrichment they provide is beneficial
- Good to have partners, it takes a village

F. APS School Changes: None come through for Gideons

- Carver Steam, next year will be last year - will become district wide school for
- Performing Arts
- Sylvan Middle School, next year will be last year
- Sylvan will be Perkersen and Fetch Elementary schools combined
- Middle School for Carver Cluster will be Russell

G. Next meeting March 18th

VI. Public Comment

A. None

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Amanda Mickelsen; Seconded by: Detra Harris

Members Approving: Michelle Potter, Amanda Mickelsen, Detra Harris, Ashley Hicks, Cherish McClure, Ruth Lambert , Eric Strickland, Joseph Anderson

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 5:48 PM

Minutes Taken By: Amanda Mickelsen

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: 4/15/26